

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mark Bicks on November 5, 2007.

The application has been amended as follows:

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In claim 16, please delete "~~stamping unit~~" on lines 7 and 18, and in place insert - - ~~stamping plate~~ - -.

Allowable Subject Matter

2. Claims 9-21 are allowed.
3. Claims 1-8 are cancelled.
4. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:
5. The prior art of record fail to teach or suggest a stamping device as cited in claims of the instant application.
6. The closest prior art, Coulzzi (U S Patent No. 5,051,083) fails to teach or suggest a stamping device with support stamp having a support housing